Washington Firm To Build New Park At Sugar Loaf Mountain

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Banner Glass, Inc., Greater Washington Auto Glass firm, has announced plans for a conservation-recreation program. The program, believed to be the first of its kind in the Greater Washington and Eastern Seaboard area, is unique for businesses and even more so for small businesses.

Mr. Frank Bliss Jr., President of Banner Glass, Inc., in making the announcement stated that the board of directors unanimously approved the purchase and projected 10 year program.

Banner has purchased a 49-acre tract of land on the Western slope of Sugar Loaf Mountain near Urbana, Maryland. The land will be turned into a conservation-recreation park and operated as a non-profit project named Banner Park.

Banner Park will cooperate with state and federal agencies and will be available on a reservation basis to local and state groups.

Work has already begun on a dam which will create a 1.3 acre lake (later to be enlarged to 5 or 6 acres).

Mr. Bliss stated, "The entire program is quite unusual for a small business; however, we strongly feel that there should be more concern shown by businesses for conservation of our fast depleting natural resources. We hope that it will be a contribution to the community as well as an enjoyable program for all concerned." Mr. Bliss was quick to add: "Because of our desire that this park remain what it was originally set up to do, we will operate it as a non-profit project."

Mr. Bliss expressed hope that other businesses will participate in similar type conservation programs.

Banner Glass, Inc. was founded in 1956 and now operates four auto glass locations in Silver Spring, Oxon Hill, Hyattsville, Maryland and Alexandria, Virginia.